

# The Manorhaven Message

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## Letter from the Mayor

I hope everyone enjoyed a joyful holiday season and is beginning the New Year with health, happiness, and renewed energy.

Here at Village Hall, I've heard the residents' concerns and have been addressing them as best I can through a comprehensive plan to ensure the Village's long-term success. This plan includes **working with a local engineering firm** to analyze zoning descriptions, make recommendations for improved infrastructure, and suggest strategies for smart building in the future.

**Please see page 2** for details about our latest addition to the Hometown Heroes banners, set to unveil in spring, along with more information about completed and upcoming projects around the Village.

I'd like to remind residents that the **Village of Manorhaven's website** has switched to a .gov address. This change follows a new State requirement that all municipalities use a .gov domain to ensure residents can trust the site as an official government source and know that its information meets internet safety standards.

I'd also like to share that in the coming weeks, **the Village will be launching a new email communication system**. Once it is in place, residents who subscribe will receive e-newsletters, emergency notices, and other important updates directly in their inbox.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you around the Village.



Mayor John S. Popeleski

## A Sweet Success Story in the Heart of Our Village

The TNC Chocolate Lab, located at 195 Manorhaven Blvd., recently celebrated its one-year anniversary, marking a successful debut as a premium social enterprise. The Lab was named a "Best Startup 2025," and its hand-crafted products are now featured in Taste NY shops and at the New York State Fair. This success validates the vocational training provided to 30 Autistic individuals weekly, including two participants who recently secured employment! The Village was proud to offer TNC Chocolates at the Annual Christmas Tree and Hannukkah Menorah Lighting in December!



Pictured here with TNC Chocolate treats for the holidays: Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips, TNC Chocolate Lab Co-Founder Stella Spanakos, Village Mayor John Popeleski, TNC Chocolatier Phillip, Manager of TNC Chocolate Lab Kayanne Kresic, and Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena

Stop in and see what they have to offer. You will be amazed! Custom orders available.  
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# Improvements and Updates *Around the Village*

### Manorhaven Preserve

The Village secured funding from former Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti's office to finish the pavers and entryways in the Preserve Trail. All work was completed in the fall.

### Oyster Garden

The Village of Manorhaven Oyster Garden is in full swing! This year-round garden will benefit all residents and future generations.

### Beautification Projects

The Village purchased and planted a Douglas Fir at the triangle at Manorhaven Boulevard and Orchard Beach Road. The planting took place in late fall and further beautifies the space.

### Road Work

Through the Department of Transportation State Funding, the Village acquired new road repair equipment, including a new asphalt transporter and asphalt roller. No Village taxes were spent on the acquisition.

The Village continues to seek funds through the HUD CBGB Grant program for ongoing sewer relining repairs in the most at-risk areas. Confirmation on receiving funds for the upcoming cycle year is imminent.

### Village Hall



The meeting room and courtroom at Village Hall have been redone, and hallways have been updated. The courtroom was remodeled primarily thanks to a state JCAP Grant!

A warm welcome to our new tree! Thanks to Mike and the crew for making sure it was ready to sparkle throughout the season.

## Hometown Heroes Program – Coming to the Village this Spring

The members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1819 are proud to announce that 86 of our local veterans were featured this past May with banners along Main Street in recognition of Port Washington's heroes. We are now excited to extend this tribute to our Hometown Heroes from the Village of Manorhaven. From Memorial Day to Veterans Day 2026, banners celebrating past and present members of our community will adorn the lamp posts along Manorhaven Boulevard.

Two sample banners have already been mounted on the lamp post at Manorhaven Boulevard by Cottonwood Road. If you are interested in sponsoring a veteran who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces and would like to be part of our Manorhaven Hometown Heroes program, please contact: Ken Kraft of VFW Post 1819 at [anchorkraft@yahoo.com](mailto:anchorkraft@yahoo.com) for additional information.

### **Important Notice About Your Garbage Pails**

Due to a recent incident in which a worker was injured, we ask all residents to secure pail lids with string rather than bungee cords. While lids are required by the Village, please avoid bungee cords to help ensure the safety of our sanitation crew. Thank you for your cooperation.